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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TOCHISHITA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1762

Serial No.: 09/883,334

Examiner: Timothy H. Meeks

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P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3027

For: **SURFACE-TREATING SUPPORT MEMBER, SURFACE-TREATING HOLDER,
SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS, AND SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1762

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, extended to March 9, 2004 by a 3 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.